

Public Comment Period Extended

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Notice of Intent to Delete from the National Priorities List Vasquez Boulevard & Interstate 70 (VB/I-70) Superfund Site Operable Unit 1, (OUI), Residential Properties

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the public comment period on the Notice of Intent to Delete VB/I-70 OUI, residential properties, from the National Priorities List (NPL) to April 8, 2019. The NPL is a list of some of the nation's most contaminated sites, commonly referred to as Superfund sites. The VB/I-70 Superfund Site is approximately four square miles in north Denver, including the Cole, Clayton, Swansea/Elyria, southwest Globeville and northern Curtis Park neighborhoods. EPA placed VB/I-70 on the NPL in 1999, due to metals contamination, mainly lead and/or arsenic, associated with historic smelter operations in the area. EPA selected a remedy in 2003 for the more than 4,500 residential properties located in the site that consisted of soil sampling, soil removal, and a community health program. Over the years, EPA sampled more than 4,500 residential yards, cleaned up the nearly 800 yards that presented risks, and placed a notice of environmental conditions on the remaining few properties that denied EPA access, less than one percent, that were either not sampled or cleaned up. EPA is proposing to delete OUI from the NPL, because all required sampling and cleanup activity is complete, environmental notices are in place, and no further action is needed to protect human health and the environment.

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To view the Proposed Notice of Deletion, please go to the <https://www.regulations.gov>; Docket ID no. EPA-HQ-SFUND-1999-0010, or go to <https://www.epa.gov/superfund/vb-i70>. A 30-day public comment period on this proposed partial deletion began on February 6, 2019. The comment period has been extended by another 30 days. Written comments must be postmarked by April 8, 2019. Submit public comments by one of the following methods:

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- * Mail or Email: Jesse Aviles, Remedial Project Manager, US EPA, Region 8, Mail Code 8EPR-SR, 1595 Wynkoop St., Denver, CO 80202, aviles.jesse@epa.gov or aviles.jesse@epa.gov. Direct all comments to Docket ID no. EPA-HQ-SFUND-1999-0010.

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- * Go to: <https://www.regulations.gov>; Docket ID no. EPA-HQ-SFUND-1999-0010. Follow on-line instructions for submitting comments.

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All comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <https://regulations.gov>.

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